

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-6 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zehavi (U.S. Patent No. 2005/0083878) in view of Knauerhase et al. (U.S. Patent No. 2004/0203847). Claims 7-12, 14 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zehavi (U.S. Patent No. 2005/0083878) and Knauerhase et al. (U.S. Patent No. 2004/0203847) with a view of Choi (U.S. Patent No. 6,967,944). Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zehavi (U.S. Patent No. 2005/0083878) in view of Knauerhase et al. (U.S. Patent No. 2004/0203847) and Choi (U.S. Patent No. 6,967,944) in further view of Comstock et al. (U.S. Patent No. 2002/0183038). Claims 16-22 and 25 are allowed. Claim 23 is objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By this amendment, Applicant is amending claims 1-8, 10-15 and 24, and is canceling claim 23.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 16-22 and 25 are allowable. Applicant further thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By this Amendment, Applicant has hereby written the limitation from claim 23 into independent claims 1 and 10. Thus, Applicant respectfully submit that claims 1 and 10 are immediately allowable. Claims 2-9 and 11-15 are allowable by virtue of their respective dependencies from claims 1 and 10.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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